

House Bill 71 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 16-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 manufacturing, selling, or distributing false identification documents, so as to remove a  
3 defense to a charge of manufacturing, selling, or distributing false identification documents;  
4 to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 16-9-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to manufacturing,  
9 selling, or distributing false identification documents, is amended by revising subsection (g)  
10 as follows:

11 "(g) It shall not be a defense to a violation of this Code section that a false, fictitious,  
12 fraudulent, or altered identification document contained words indicating that it is not an  
13 identification document ~~unless there appears on the front and back of such document the~~  
14 ~~word 'novelty' which is in a color which is not transparent on the design of the document,~~  
15 ~~is in block letters not less than 40 point type in size, and is indelible ink."~~

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 This Act shall become effective on October 1, 2009, and shall apply to offenses committed  
18 on or after such date.

19 **SECTION 3.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.